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SUBJECT: FURTHER REACTION TO DUTCH WEEKLY'S PUBLICATION OF
ALLEGED CIA EMPLOYEES NAMES

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1. WEEKEND NEWSPAPER COVERAGE TURNED UP NOTHING NEW ON DUTCH
WEEKLY PAPER'S CIA ALLEGATIONS. TWO PAPERS MENTIONED THE
STORY IN THEIR COLUMNS:

2. "HET PAROOL" (INDEPENDENT LIBARAL) 1.23.1976
(COLUMN BY PAUL VAN 'T VEER, POLITICAL EDITOR OF THIS PAPER):

"WITH THE CIA ON THE DUNGHEAP"

"THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS JOURNALISTICALLY RUSHED ARTICLE WHO
IS DESCRIBED IN A LITTLE MORE DETAIL IS PARTRICIA VAN DELDEN.
THIS "MUSEUM-PIECE" WAS PENSIONED AND LEFT HOLLAND FIVE
YEARS AGO, SO IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE INFORMATION IN THE
ARTICLE LIES IN THE REVELATIONS ABOUT WHAT THE CIA ACTUALLY
DOES IN HOLLAND. IS IT THE STEALING OF MILITARY SECRETS
OR ASSASSINATIN ATTEMPTS ON POLITICAL LEADERS? NO-
'THEY CONCERN THEMSELVES ESPECIALLY WITH PROPAGANDA METHODS'.
IN HIS HURRY TO GET IT PRINTED, THE WRITER OF THIS ARTICLE
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SAYS NOTHING OF THE QUESTIONABLE US SUBSIDIES TO 'NEUTRAL'

INFORMATION SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN HOLLAND, WHICH CAUSED SOME COMMOTION A FEW YEARS AGO. ALL HE CAN SAY IS THAT DUTCH POLITICIANS AND JOURNALISTS INVITED TO VISIT THE US VIA THE US EMBASSY IN HOLLAND FALL IN THIS WAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE CIA. HE SIMPLY SAYS THAT THE US INFORMATION SERVICE USIA IS 'A CIA DEPARTMENT WHICH COLLECTS INFORMATION'. OF COURSE IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE SECRET CONTACTS BETWEEN THE CIA AND THE USIA, BUT THEY ARE ANYWAY TWO INDEPENDNT ORGANIZATIONS, EACH WITH ITS OWN STAFF AND DIRECTOR. IN THIS RUSED PIECE OF JOURNALISM IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IMPORTANT TO THE WRITER WHO GETS THROWN ON THE DUNG-HEAP. ONE OF HIS REMAKRS IS THAT HOLLAND IS A COUNTRY WHERE THE 'SOCIAL DEMOCRATS MEEKLY FOLLOW US POLITICAL LEADERS'. THIS I CONSIDER TO BE A PRETTYDIRTY INSINUATION, MAYBE HE THINKS IT A JOKE. THE INFLUENCE WHICH CERTAIN COUNTRIES (SOMETIMES WITH THE USE OF SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AND SECRET FUNDS) TRY TO OBTAIN ON THE POLITICAL AND PUBLICITY WORLD OF HOLLAND FORMS A SUBJECT MUCH TOO IMPORTANT TO BE HANDLED IN SUCH A SLOPPY WAY."

3. "HET VRIJE VOFNUZ (LEFTIST-ORIENTED) 1.23.1976

"THE UNTDFTOR REVELATIONS CAN EASILY TURN INTO A WITCH-HUNT. ALTHOUGH 'FRIJ NEDERLAND' IS DOING USEFUL WORK BY PAYING ATTENTION TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA IN HOLLAND,THE NAMING OF VARIOUS DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO HAVE IN THE PAST ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO VISIT THE US HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CIA. THIS CUSTOM OF ISSUING INVITATIONS IS NOT SPECIALLY AMERICAN. ONE CAN ARGUE ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF ACCEPTING SUCH INVITIATIONS, BUT BY ASSOCIATING THESE MATTERS A SHADOW IS CAST ONTHE NAMES OF A NUMBER OF PERSONS." GOULD

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